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This afternoon by a vote of approximately 105 to 93 the Chamber rejected a motion that the question of popular consultation be submitted to the Conseil d'Etat. The Conseil d'Etat is a state organism which can be asked by Parliament to decide on the constitutionality of a bill or law. Thus the Government passed another obstacle on the road towards popular consultation. It should be noted that there were some Liberals who voted against the Government. It is probably now only a question of time and oratory until the bill for popular consultation is passed by the Chamber and thus becomes law.

Present P.S.C. Parliamentary tactics are to ignore the speeches of the opposition. This afternoon, for example, Huysmans spoke for over an hour and attempted with considerable skill, but with no success, to irritate the P.S.C. as a group and as individuals.

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Robert McClintock,
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